



Visit to Maungatautari

Room 5

3 March 2009

Dear Parents

As part of our current Science study of the bush we are planning to take Room 5 and year 4's from Room 6 to the Maungatautari Ecological Island. The date for this is **Tuesday March 10th**.

We intend to leave school by car at 9.15am. We will be going to Matapihi, the MEIT Education Facility, located behind Pukeatua School in Pukeatua, close to the entrance of the Southern Enclosure. We will work in the education centre with the Trust's Educator, as well as complete a range of activities including a bush walk and observation of the bush environment and the life forms within it. The cost for the trip is **\$4.00 per child**.

All children must return the attached permission slip and money by Friday March 6th to be able to attend (with apologies for the late notice). As with any event outside school and especially to the bush, there are risks to be aware of. These can be safe guarded against if children remember to sit sensibly in the bus, walk around the bush, stay with their car driver/supervisor and follow the rules as explained to them. The safety issues and behavioural expectations will be explained to the children.

Children will need to have sneaker type shoes (not sandals or jandals), a sunhat and raincoat. Please ensure that your child has lunch and a drink bottle with them.

We need to have drivers and supervisors for this event. This may involve taking a vehicle which can be used in case of emergency and helping to supervise a group of children during the visit. Please indicate on the attached form if you are able to help. (Due to the nature of this trip it is not suitable to have preschoolers with us.)

We plan to leave school at 9am promptly and be back by 2.30pm. Drivers will need to complete the attached form and return it to school ASAP.

Regards

Lynley Jobe and Candy Hollier



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I agree to my child _____ taking part in the visit to Maungatautari Southern Enclosure and have read the information sheet. I agree to their participation in the activities described.

I acknowledge the need for them to behave responsibly. I consent to any emergency treatment required by my child during the course of the event. I confirm that my child is in good health and I consider them fit to participate.

Acknowledgement of Risk

I have read the visit information sheet and I understand that there are risks associated with events outside the classroom and that these risks cannot be completely eliminated. I understand that the school will identify any foreseeable risks or hazards and implement correct management procedures to eliminate, isolate or minimize those hazards. I understand that my child has been involved in the development of safety procedures. I will do my best to ensure that my child and I follow these procedures.

I know that I am able to ask any questions of the school about the activities my child will be involved in, to gain a better understanding of the risks involved. I recognize that participation in such activities is voluntary and not mandatory. My child and I both understand that they may withdraw from the activity if they feel at risk. This must be done in consultation with the person in charge.

I understand that the school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal property and that it is my responsibility to check my insurance policy.

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(tick) I am happy to be a parent supervisor on the day.

Print Name: _____ **Signed:** _____ **Date:** _____

Special circumstances/risks for my child during this visit (if any) are:

Transport Safety for Transport by a Volunteer (Only for Those Able to Help)

Please check all of these points before signing

You confirm that:

- You are able to be at school prior to 9 am to arrange groups for departure
- You hold an appropriate current driver's license for the vehicle you will be driving
- The vehicle you will be driving is registered
- The vehicle you will be driving is road-worthy and has a current Warrant of Fitness
- Each passenger in the vehicle will use a seat belt (if fitted)
- The seating capacity of the vehicle will not be exceeded
- There is no place for smoking in vehicles on a school event
- There is no place for alcohol on a school event
- You agree to keep to the legal speed limit at all times

The vehicle you will be driving is covered by one of the following insurances (tick one):

third party property ☐

comprehensive ☐

The vehicle you will use can seat _____

Children assigned to vehicle
by teacher before leaving:

Signed

Date

Name